



McBride Community Forest Corporation

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting October 4, 2017

Meeting 6:30 pm

Chair Rich called the MEETING TO ORDER at 6:33 pm.

In Attendance:

- Chair Joseph Rich
- Gene Runtz, General Manager
- Wes Bieber, Interim Manager
- Director Dutch Molendyk
- Director Kevin Taphorn
- Director Warren McLennan
- Councillor Harold Edwards
- Tovi Thiel, MCFC Admin Asst

Regrets:

- Susan Mulkey, BCCFA
- Jeff McWilliams, Interim Manager

1) Introduction of Late Items:

None

2) Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Director Edwards to approve agenda as read, seconded by Director Molendyk, all in favor, carried.

3) Reading and Approving of the September 13, 2017 Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes as read. Moved by Director McLennan, seconded by Director Taphorn, all in favor, carried.

4) Welcome to General Manager

5) Update on Inventory Project /acquired image results – Done, quality assured, not received yet. Inventory project will show volumes available that will support our estimations. Receiving the photos is a high priority to proceed forward.

6) GM Hiring Committee – Press Release to be completed.

Governance Committee – Information has been forwarded to council. As introduced under “in-camera”, the substantial information can not be taken for review. Next meeting there will be a policy change to allow for this.

Operations Committee – Cedar Sawlog from BKB moved, completed. Layout of winter blocks (Mac, Snowshoe, Mtnview). Looking at Community Wildfire Plan. Emergency Preparedness will be looked at soon by the Village, Wildfire would be included.

7) **Bio Fuel** – Pellets

This is a big deal – it is a priority. A multitude of applications – flowerbeds, berries, veges, shrubs, breaks up soil, retains water. California and Oregon in high demand. They can use Fir. Waste piles can be utilized. Stands can be utilized differently, as well as layout.

8) **Logging Contracts/Renewals** – Bob getting these ready for the winter program. Do not want to competitively bid. We are not government, we are a private industry. It is important who we have logging for us. Rates should be negotiated every season. Bob, Carrier and the Valemount Community Forest all have rates to share, best for quality. Being cost effective is key. Wells Gray have used Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Doing an Expression of Interest in the spring, making a prequalification list, then provide RFP to those contractors. **ACTION:** Operations need to meet on this separately.

9) **AGM and quarterly public meetings dates** – AGM – October 26 planned date, will need 2016 Financial Audit, Chair report, Outgoing and incoming General Manager reports, Minutes from last AGM. Dates for quarterlies – AGM is 1, Open House in Spring, then 2 others, dates to be set. **ACTION:** Plan and set dates.

10) **Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under Labour, Law, Freedom of Information and 3rd party information:**

Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under labour, law and freedom of information. Moved by Director Edwards and seconded by Director McLennan, all in favour, carried. Carried. October 4, 2017, 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 6:30 p.m. –Other committee meetings should be scheduled before then.

11) **Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** Moved by Chair Rich, seconded by Director Taphorn, all in favor, carried.

October 4, 2017 – 9:45 p.m.